

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 15. }

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, February 15, 1862.

I..By direction of the President, Captain *Harvey Tilden*, 16th United States Infantry, is hereby dropped from the rolls of the Army.

II..Chapel tents, when purchased by Regiments, will be transported by public conveyance in the same manner as tents furnished for the use of the soldiers by the Government.

III..The following Acts of Congress are published for the information of all concerned :

1. AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers," approved June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and thirty-four.—(See page 517, *Army Regulations*.)

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the twentieth section of the "Act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers," approved June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows, to wit :

SEC. 20. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person shall sell, exchange, give, barter, or dispose of any spirituous liquor or wine to any Indian under the charge of any Indian superintendent or Indian agent appointed by the United States, or shall introduce or attempt to introduce any spirituous liquor or wine into the Indian country, such person, on conviction thereof before the proper district court of the United States, shall be imprisoned for a period not exceeding two years, and shall be fined not more than three hundred dollars : *Provided, however,* That it shall be a sufficient defence to any charge of introducing or attempting to introduce liquor into the Indian country if it be proved to be done by order of the War Department, or of any officer duly authorized thereto by the War Department. And if any superintendent of Indian affairs, Indian agent, or sub-agent, or commanding officer of a military post, has reason to suspect, or is informed, that any white person, or Indian, is about to introduce, or has introduced, any spirituous liquor or wine into the Indian country, in viola-

tion of the provisions of this section, it shall be lawful for such superintendent, agent, sub-agent, or commanding officer, to cause the boats, stores, packages, wagons, sleds, and places of deposit of such person to be searched; and if any such liquor is found therein, the same, together with the boats, teams, wagons, and sleds used in conveying the same, and also the goods, packages, and peltries of such person, shall be seized and delivered to the proper officer, and shall be proceeded against by libel in the proper court, and forfeited, one half to the informer, and the other half to the use of the United States; and if such person be a trader, his license shall be revoked and his bond put in suit. And it shall moreover be lawful for any person in the service of the United States, or for any Indian, to take and destroy any ardent spirits or wine found in the Indian country, except such as may be introduced therein by the War Department. And in all cases arising under this act Indians shall be competent witnesses.

Approved February 13, 1862.

2. AN ACT making an appropriation for completing the defences of Washington, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for completing the defences of Washington: *Provided,* That all arrearages of debts already incurred for the objects of this act shall be first paid out of this sum: *And provided, further,* That no part of the sum hereby appropriated shall be expended in any work hereafter to be commenced.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the fifth section of the act of twenty-eighth September, eighteen hundred and fifty, providing for the discharge from the service of minors enlisted without the consent of their parents or guardians, be, and the same hereby is, repealed: *Provided,* That hereafter no person under the age of eighteen shall be mustered into the United States service, and the oath of enlistment taken by the recruit shall be conclusive as to his age.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That no volunteers or militia from any State or Territory shall be mustered into the service of the United

States on any terms or conditions confining their service to the limits of said State or Territory, or their vicinities, beyond the number of ten thousand in the State of Missouri, and four thousand five hundred in the State of Maryland, heretofore authorized by the President of the United States, or Secretary of War, to be raised in said States.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the second section of the act of the tenth of April, eighteen hundred and six, shall be, and the same is hereby, so amended as to read as follows: (*See p. 516, Army Regulations.*)

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, in time of war or rebellion against the supreme authority of the United States, all persons who shall be found lurking as spies, or acting as such, in or about the fortifications, encampments, posts, quarters, or headquarters of the armies of the United States, or any of them, within any part of the United States which has been or may be declared to be in a state of insurrection by proclamation of the President of the United States, shall suffer death by sentence of a general court-martial.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the fifty-fifth article of the first section of act of tenth April, eighteen hundred and six, chapter twenty, be, and the same is hereby, so amended as to read as follows: (*See 55th Article of War.*)

*Article fifty-five.* Whoever, belonging to the armies of the United States in foreign parts, or at any place within the United States or their Territories, during rebellion against the supreme authority of the United States, shall force a safeguard, shall suffer death.

Approved February 13, 1862.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McCLELLAN :

L. THOMAS,  
*Adjutant General.*

OFFICIAL :

*Assistant Adjutant General.*